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CAREER OF HAMILTON FISH.

Interesting Facts Suggested By the States-
man's Death.

New York Dispatch.

The obituaries of Hamilton Fish fail to record the interesting fact that he was the eldest ex-governor of the state, the oldest ex-United States senator from New York and the oldest ex-secretary of state of the United States. He served as governor in 1848. Not one of his predecessors in that high office is alive, and of his fourteen successors only four, including Governor Flower, are alive; Cornell, Cleveland and Hill are now the only living ex-governors, and yet Cornell was elected fourteen years ago.

Fish served as United States senator from 1851 to 1857. There have been fourteen governors since Fish, and curiously enough, there have also been fourteen United States senators from New York since Fish left the senate, and of these only Platt, Miller, Evarts, Hiscott, Hill and Murphy are alive; and Thomas C. Platt, the Republican leader in New York, now ranks as the oldest ex-senator from this state. Seward, King, Harris, Morgan, Fenton and Conkling all served in the senate after Fish left it, but they proceeded to the silent majority.

Fish served as secretary of state from 1869 to 1877. All his predecessors in that office have passed into history, and of his successors only Evarts, Bayard, Foster and Gresham are alive, and Evarts, who has just celebrated his golden wedding anniversary, and who has gone into permanent retirement from public life, now stands as the oldest ex-secretary. Fish served in the administration of President Grant, who had during his two terms twenty-four cabinet officers, of whom I believe only seven are now alive.

Of the citizens of New York who have served in Presidential cabinets, all except Evarts, James, Whitney, Fairchild, Tracy, Lamont and Bisell are dead. During Hamilton Fish's long life the city in which he lived has grown from a town of 100,000 inhabitants to a metropolis eighteen times that size. When he was born the city did not extend above Chambers street, and the present city hall, which was then building, was constructed of brownstone in the back, because it was supposed that, like a good soldier, its back would never be seen, as nobody lived behind it.

Col. Nicholas Fish, his father, lived before his marriage at 53 Wall street, the home of Mrs. Daubeny. Walter Barrett, in his "Old Merchants of New York," relates how Colonel Fish and Mrs. Daubeny's daughter, Charlotte, fell desperately in love with each other. For some reason or other they did not marry, and Colonel Fish afterward married Miss Stuyvesant, daughter of Peter Stuyvesant. Miss Daubeny committed suicide by drowning herself in the North river. This romance of ninety years ago is now recalled by the death of Colonel Fish's distinguished son.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW.

It has a Useful as Well as a Satisfying Mission to Fill.

Dawson Examiner.

The English sparrow has two mis-
sions, in fact, as far as heard from. One
is to eat up the beetle pests that are de-
stroying by wholesale the splendid,
pine, spruce and hemlock forests of the
Alleghany mountains, particularly in
West Virginia and Maryland. It is
said that they have already saved many
thousand dollars' worth of pine timber.'Tis well. We can spare a million
English sparrows for the pine forest
region. Let them be boxed and sent to
the Alleghenies at once to begin war on
the pine beetle. People in other parts of
the country are so generous that they
would not even think of charging
anything for their sparrows, but would
let the pine forest inhabitants have
them as a gift and welcome. Then
there is the other mission of the
wretched little dirty-coated bird. It is
to be broiled and eaten on toast. A
government ornithologist reported
some time since that the English sparrow
was really very palatable. The flesh is
especially tender and appetizing
in the fall, after the creature has
gorged itself on the farmer's grain crop.A ride through the country when the
wheat is in the shock shows sometimes
these birds attacking the fields in num-
bers like swarms of bees. They destroy
annually thousands of bushels of grain.
They are better when trapped or netted,
being so small in size that shot shatters
them. In some parts of the country they
already have a commercial value in the
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invention.

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